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MONTANA KAIMIN

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Crash kills one, injures six members of the Montana Repertory Theatre

Tracy Whitehair
Montana Kaimin

A Seattle woman was killed and six others members of the Montana Repertory Theatre were injured Monday after a van they were riding in flipped and crashed on Interstate 70 near Columbus, Ohio.

Cathryn Pisarski was flown from the scene by helicopter to Grant Medical Center in Columbus and was pronounced dead at 5:22 p.m. EST, a dispatcher from the Ohio State Highway Patrol said.

The other six victims, whose names

were not available Monday night, were taken to two local hospitals in Zanesville, Ohio, about 50 miles east of Columbus. According to The Associated Press, two were treated and released from Good Samaritan Hospital and two more were evaluated there Monday night. Two others were treated for injuries at Bethesda Hospital, and their conditions were not available.

The dispatcher said the accident was still under investigation, but officers were looking into a tire on the van that was low or flat and may have led to the accident. She also said

Pisarski was the only person ejected from the van. She did not know if the victims were wearing seat belts.

Terri Brenner, news editor for University Relations, said none of the victims was a UM student, but they were professional actors touring with a Montana Rep production of "The Diary of Anne Frank," a nationwide tour launched at UM in December. Brenner said the group was traveling from Columbus, Ohio, to New Jersey for a show on Thursday night when the accident occurred. She said she was unsure if the group would do the New

Jersey performance.

Greg Johnson, artistic director of the Montana Rep, was unavailable for comment Monday night.

Brenner said she did not know what caused the accident, but said weather didn't seem to be a factor.

"There were excellent road conditions," Brenner said. "The roads were clear and the sun was shining."

According to AP, the van was not hit by another vehicle and was one of two carrying 20 people from the Montana Rep. Also, although the van had a UM insignia, it was not owned by the university, the report stated.

'Walk this way'



Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin

University students walk through the UC Monday afternoon during lunch hour. This semester there was an increase of 34 full time students from last spring, which set a new University of Montana record.

Full-time student enrollment sets record for spring semester

Head count down by one, though full-time students up by 34

Bryce Miller
for the Kaimin

Setting a spring semester record, full-time student enrollment at the University of Montana is 10,565, according to figures released by the registrar's office Friday.

The count represents an increase of 34 full time equivalent (FTE) students from last spring. An FTE represents 12 graduate or 15 undergraduate semester credits.

The overall student head count was 11,944 students, a decrease by one from last spring's 11,945.

UM admissions director Frank Matule

said Monday that high enrollment was positive for the university because of good preparation and foresight by the Enrollment Management Committee.

"We are well within our range," Matule said.

According to a press release, the numbers indicate a near-zero impact resulting from the decrease in adjunct professors.

"The head count is down by one student, so in those terms it's not a record enrollment for head count, because it's one lower than last year," said UM President George Dennison in a press release. "But what is really significant for me is that it's up by 34 FTE over last year, which means that we have a new record for FTE."

"And what it really says is that classes must have been available so that students could register. I'm really pleased by

that outcome," Dennison said.

Other officials at UM said the increased numbers hurt, because of the loss of those adjunct professors.

"Of course it's good that enrollment is up, but not good that we're crowded," Maureen Curnow, chair of the department of foreign languages and literatures, said.

The problem of crowding in her department, Curnow said, was a question of university financing. Many classes in her department, especially Spanish classes, are maxed out and closed, she said. "It's a very tight situation," Curnow said.

Phil Fandozzi, liberal studies department chair, called the new enrollment numbers "misleading," because while student numbers in his department are high, big classes are prevalent and don't provide the best possible education.

Nevada reviews Dennison for president job

UM president says he is not looking to leave Missoula

Erik Olson
Montana Kaimin

UM President George Dennison is a candidate for the job of president at the University of Nevada-Reno.

An official at the University of Nevada said a search committee is looking at the resumes of 11 administrators at universities across the country and has yet to conduct any interviews.

Of the 11, only two candidates are currently university presidents.

The university has been collecting names to replace Interim President Stephen MacFarlane since August.

A search committee will decide a list of finalists for the position at its March 5 meeting, then will make its recommendation to the Nevada Board of Regents on April 19.

Dennison said he is not looking to leave UM, but he was asked to submit his resume for the search and he did so.

Dennison came to UM in 1990 from Western Michigan University, where he was the vice president for academic affairs. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from UM in 1962 and 1963, respectively.

The University of Nevada-Reno is similar to UM in size, with about 13,000 students.

OPINION

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Proposal

Bush's tax cut is not what we need

Check out the premiere episode of the George W. Bush show airing on primetime TV at 7 p.m. tonight.

This week's plot: George tries to convince Congress to approve his \$1.6 trillion tax cut.

The tax cut is hyped almost as much as the Super Bowl and it will be just as disappointing. Indeed, not even a killer performance by Aerosmith could save the lame plot.

The reason is simple. Almost 45 percent of Bush's tax cut will go to the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans. ParkWatch, an independent watchdog agency based in Shelby, N.C., says that under Bush's tax-relief plan "the top 1 percent of U.S. taxpayers will each receive a tax cut larger than what most of us will earn in a lifetime. A single woman raising two children and earning \$22,500 receives the tidy sum of: zero."

Newsweek calculates that the average childless couple earning \$1 million annually will save \$47,114. That hefty sum could buy them a new Lexus GS430 every year.

Meanwhile, according to Newsweek, a married couple with two children and a \$20,000 annual income will save \$168; about enough to buy groceries for three weeks.

How could Bush's tax cut affect the average Montanan? Consider that our state is last in per-capita income with the average person earning \$30,970 annually. Under Bush's plan, the average Montanan will be a lot closer to getting a few extra groceries than the luxury sedan.

Opponents of Bush's tax cut not only say an across-the-board tax cut unfairly benefits the rich, but it jeopardizes the government's ability to repay debt, preserve Social Security and Medicare, and improve education and health care.

What Bush needs to do with the budget surplus is divide it equitably and not cut essential programs. He needs to give tax breaks to lower and middle-class Americans, pay down the debt, and spend more on education and health care.

We've seen a tax cut like this before. In 1981 Ronald Reagan slashed taxes across the board ushering in an economic system dubbed "Reganomics" or "Trickle Down Economics." As a result, the budget deficit swelled to its largest sum in history. Simultaneously, America's middle class shrank drastically.

America doesn't need a rerun. We need an economic plan that gives aid to the people who need it most. We give Bush's tax cut proposal two thumbs down.

— Nate Schweber

Casey-at-bat

Cabin fever breaks on the open road

Column by



Casey Temple

I would like to say life was more exciting my freshmen year, but most weekend nights were spent sitting around our dorm rooms with beers we bought on luck or fake IDs. We longed for wild parties and even wilder women, but instead we could be found in the unfriendly confines of Aber Hall doing stupid things freshmen

do like filling condoms with shaving cream and putting them on students' door knobs.

But when we got tired of doing juvenile things in post-juvenile years, we could usually be found sitting around telling stories of our pre-Aber years because we hadn't shared enough experiences to talk about anything else.

When February hit and cabin fever had filled the cup full with everyday blandness, we often talked about how winter, the dorms and being stuck on campus was getting unbearable.

None of us had a car or truck, but we often dreamed about getting on that highway and driving fast and far away from lodge food, midterms and living in a building that housed 11 floors of college freshmen. Like the way you did in high school when those teenage emotions told you that the only medicine was to turn up the stereo loud and drive. For many of us, that's how we ended up at UM.

Four years later, cabin fever is just as bad as it was freshmen year. I'm tired of class, the cold and ice and the surroundings that haven't changed since snow set in four months ago.

So with a three-day weekend two weeks ago and cabin fever feeling like a bad case of the flu, I decided to take advantage of something we didn't have the luxury of freshmen year: a car.

Owning a car for the first time, I've realized there are a lot of places I haven't seen. And there's not many better ways to escape routine than hopping in a car and heading somewhere new.

The roads were icy and the weather was bad and I thought about postponing this trip for another weekend, but months have been going by much faster than I'd like and the realization has set in that there's not many more times where I'll have

the freedom to leave the moment I get it in my head to do so.

I wasn't really sure where to go, but I knew I wanted to find somewhere warm and see something I hadn't seen before. There's something exciting about waking up in a new place, with the feeling that unexpected adventures headline the day's plan, rather than class and meeting friends at Red's.

I headed to Oregon to visit a friend at Oregon State who had lived across the hall from me and had been a part of those freshmen conversations about wanting to leave and in fact, had.

Now some people may say eastern Oregon is about as barren as you can get, but when I crossed the Oregon border and saw the sun and green grass for the first time in four months, I felt how an animal must when it pulls itself out of hibernation. Even the brown mud of the land not yet planted seemed more alive than a landscape filled with snow.

More and more color filled my horizons the farther I traveled. The music was loud and not one

thought of school crossed my head as miles were added to the odometer as I passed through towns like Richland, Wash. and Pendleton, Ore.

Though time spent visiting friends is fun (and if it paid a salary, I'd do it full-time), there's something more rewarding having the time by yourself to do nothing but look straight ahead. It's easy to get tunnel vision when you become trapped in a day-to-day existence, and you often forget that there's much more out there than the scope of your own surroundings. And nothing expands the horizons like seeing new ones.

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But as I passed new places and saw new things, I've realized my life's not too bad. As important as it is to

leave to get away from the routine for a little while, the time away also makes you realize how good things are in your little nook in the world.

At a rest stop outside Sprague, Wash., while checking to see how much farther I had to go, an old man traveling alone like me and looking for a conversation told me he was coming back home to Sprague for the first time in a long while. He told me that in his younger years it was much colder in the winters, but in the summers it was hot so he and some friends swam in Sprague Lake to avoid the heat.

He smiled and said, "Nothing like going home."

As I found myself closer and closer to Missoula, I realized that the only thing better than leaving is coming back. But you can be sure I'm counting the days until Spring Break.



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Around the Oval

With cabin fever at an all-time high in Missoula, what does it take for you to drag yourself out of bed in the morning?

•Casey Giddings
senior, anthropology
Missoula, I like it here.

•Samantha Evstein
senior, sociology
Six inches of fresh powder and a cup of hot tea.

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OPINION

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Letters to the Editor

UC Theater has lowered prices

I feel compelled to clear up any confusion that may have been caused by the article: "Award-winning UC cinema ups entry fee \$1." The price structure effective Feb. 16 has been misunderstood by the editor of Jim Schroeder's article. The UC Theater has actually lowered the price of admission for students wishing to watch both shows in one night from \$2 per movie to \$3 for BOTH movies. Students wishing to watch only one movie, still only pay \$2. The non-student admission price remains at \$4 for one movie and has been lowered to \$6 for BOTH movies. Since the Friday and Saturday night showings usually share a common theme, we felt that offering an incentive to stay for both movies would be in the best interest of our customers and the UC Theater. For show information call 243-FILM or T.J. Dupras, UC Theater Coordinator, at 243-6174.

Stephan Langley
UC Program Advisor

Thanks for Personal Care Program

We are five social work students who would like to publicly thank Missoula's merchants, salons and business people who contributed personal care services, such as hair-

cuts, manicures, pedicures and hair products to our project "Personal Care Program" in partnership with the YWCA's Pathways Program.

The YWCA serves over 200 women a year through the Pathways program which offers women a safe refuge and support to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The Personal Care Program provides services that contribute to a woman's self-esteem and self image as they develop new skills of self sufficiency.

The wonderful response and contributions from Missoulians to The Personal Care Program is astounding and gratifying to us, thank you for the care and support shown to us.

Brandy Eckley
Catherine Glevanik
Julie Kidd
Margaret Newman
Tara Saari

Paper Hat makes no sense

I really hate to knock someone who is being creative, but what in THE hell is going on with Jacob Marcinek's "Paper Hat" cartoon? I really enjoy his other comics in the Kaimin, but "Paper Hat" is about as funny as a sack full of dead kittens. Maybe it's not supposed to be funny, or humorous or even a little witty, but

it makes no damn sense.

Couldn't the part of the paper that is wasted by "Paper Hat" be better utilized for something else? Maybe that space could be adopted to show support for "anal cleavage" and "male genitals in a discernable turgid state"(ASUM story) or just out-and-out public nudity?

Marcinek ... Keep up the great work you do, but please man, put the "Paper Hat" out of its misery.

Kenneth Mark Hebert
Junior, History

'SLAM' your legislators

I'll be graduating this spring (hopefully), and I couldn't be more relieved. It's not just that 17 straight years of school are wearing on me. Really, I couldn't stand to stay and watch our elected officials, while jumping in the laps of big polluting industries, slowly suffocate the state's University System. If the Republican legislature has its way, it will become increasingly difficult in the next few years for Montanans to afford or receive a quality college education.

The Board of Regents requested a \$500 increase in state funding per student, which would be necessary for the University System to maintain its current programs. The Legislature

has opted instead to increase funding by only \$100 per student. This will mean either huge cutbacks in programs, or huge tuition increases for us. This increase is likely to be over 12 percent each year for the next two years, decreasing access for students who are already struggling to pay their bills.

It's true that the state budget is tight; this is largely because the legislature has spent the last few years slashing tax revenue, especially for big industries. However, if education were truly a priority, they would find a way to budget for it. Instead they make excuses and perpetuate myths about how the universities handle money — anything to avoid taking responsibility.

Many of our legislators are in such a mad rush to promote immediate economic growth that they refuse to make a long-term investment in education. But the final appropriations are still being decided, so it's not too late to make our voices heard. Stop by the SLAM table in the UC to call your representatives, or sign up to travel to Helena on March 3 to rally for education. If we sit back and watch, we will pay for it — literally.

Megan Jennings
Senior, Political Science



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Survey: Students think more than they drink

This is the first of a four-part series about a recent survey concerning UM students' general health. The series will cover alcohol, mental health, violence and sex.

Erik Olson
Montana Kaimin

Sure, everyone thinks that everyone else at UM loves to party.

However, according to a new survey, UM students don't drink nearly as much as they themselves think they do.

The Curry Health Center released campus results Monday of the National College Health Assessment survey, which was taken by UM students last fall. In a number of

categories, students perceived their peers consumed more alcohol more frequently than they actually did.

"People have different perceptions of what's going on out there what they actually do," said Sarah Mart, coordinator of the health education office at the health center.

For example, 34 percent of the students surveyed said they thought the typical UM student used alcohol daily over the past month, but only 1 percent reported actually drinking that frequently.

Mart said the misconceptions are a result of an "overinflated problem" of awareness; i.e. students have become so aware of drinking problems on campus

they think they happen all the time.

Some dorm residents say many students drink often, but they also acknowledge that perceived notions could be wrong.

Scott Paulson, a freshman in Jesse Hall, said he thinks a lot of people on campus drink because he sees a lot of people he knows downtown and a lot of alcohol on his floor. He said he drinks about two or three times a week.

However, Chuck Schwartz, another Jesse Hall freshman, said that while alcohol is an important part of the social lives of some crowds, drunk students are more visible and therefore seem to be in greater number. For example, he said that resi-

dents will sometimes come home at 2 a.m. on Saturday mornings and make a lot of noise and make themselves very visible.

Kathryn Comer, a freshman who lives in Turner Hall, said that drinking is not necessarily an essential part of campus life.

"If you want to go out and drink, you can, but you don't have to," she said.

Comer said she drinks very rarely, and she said that colleges in general are viewed as places where students go out and drink all the time.

Mart said that students have had false perceptions about alcohol for the past few years.

Another survey, the CORE, showed that from 1996 to 2000, students have felt that other

students drink more than they do.

"We're just about in line with other campuses (in perceptions and actual consumption)," Mart said.

Ron Brunell, director of Residence Life, agreed, saying that alcohol use is certainly a problem in the dorms and the campus community as a whole. However, he added that most residents who have problems with alcohol in the dorms developed those same problems before they got to campus.

Brunell said that Residence Life is working with the Curry Health Center to try to better educate residents about alcohol, but the problem won't be solved in "one fell swoop."

UM VP to experience Germany's higher education

Jim Schroeder
Montana Kaimin

The vice president for student affairs will soon have a chance to share her opinions and experiences about higher education at UM to administrators from Germany.

Barbara Hollmann will fly to Germany in May to attend the 2001 U.S.-Germany International Education Administrators Program that's held throughout three locations in Germany.

Hollmann will attend the program with 24 other administrators from various colleges and universities in the United States. The seminar includes cultural events, administrative briefings and visits to various German college campuses.

"I look forward to learning about German higher education and sharing information about U.S. higher education," Hollmann said. "And while I'm doing that, I'll make contact with schools that have potential for student faculty and staff exchanges."

Hollmann applied for the two-week, seminar and the U.S.

Council for International Exchange of Scholars recommended her participation. The German Fulbright Commission then chose her.

"The Fulbright Commission asked what I was interested in and they asked what type of topics I would be speaking on," Hollmann said.

The topics Hollmann said she will be speaking to her German counterparts will include the financing of higher education in the United States, the provision of student services in colleges and how student demographics and statistics affect higher education in the United States.

"Germans are interested in learning more about campus life and how we finance those things," Hollmann said. "The German model of universities is different than the U.S. because they focus primarily on what goes on in the classroom and lecture halls and not what goes on outside of the classroom."

An example Hollmann gave on another way German universities and colleges differ from their American counterparts is how most German institutions don't

have student housing.

"Students find housing in the city where the university's located," Hollmann said. "Health care is also left to the student."

"Sports, athletic programs and student activities outside of the classroom, historically, aren't seen as a responsibility of the university system."

However, Hollmann said that some institutions in the United States with strong graduate programs like the University of Michigan and the University of Chicago are modeled after German universities, but most American undergraduate programs are patterned after the British model of education.

American participants will meet their German counterpart administrators during the seminars initial orientation in Berlin.

The two-week seminar on the differences between German and American higher education and society will begin May 6-13 in Berlin and then the travel group will go to Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (Rostock) from May 14-16 and will finish in Hamburg from May 17-19 before returning to the United States.

Male U-Villages resident arrested for partner assault

*26-year-old given
one year
suspended
sentence*

Tracy Whitehair
Montana Kaimin

A male University Villages resident was arrested late last Wednesday for partner assault on a female UM student, according to Public Safety records.

Joshua L. Dolan, 26, was arrested at 11:39 p.m. after a neighbor called in a complaint, said Lt. Jim Lemcke, assistant director of Public Safety. Lemcke said Dolan grabbed the victim by the throat and pushed her against a wall, leaving marks on her neck. Lemcke said at the time of the arrest Dolan denied committing the assault.

"The preferred response is to make an arrest if there is evidence of abuse," Lemcke said.

Under the 1985 Partner or Family Member Assault law, "evidence" can include not

only physical signs of abuse but also statements by neighbors who heard or saw signs of violence, Lemcke said. Before the 1985 code existed, even with visible evidence of abuse, Lemcke said, police could only make an arrest if a complaint was filed.

According to Municipal Court records, Dolan pleaded guilty to partner assault and was sentenced to a one-year suspended sentence. The one-year sentence was suspended for all but five days, with credit for two days already served. A Municipal Court clerk said Dolan will have to make arrangements with the jail regarding the additional three days he has to serve.

Dolan was fined \$400 plus \$30 in court charges, and must pay jail costs of \$49 per day, according to court records.

A Municipal Court clerk said other requirements of Dolan's sentence are as follows: no alcohol; he must submit to a blood, breath and urine test on request; no contact with the victim; and 25 hours of anger management counseling and evaluation.



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Survey will analyze UM resource use, impact on environment

Chris Lawrence
Montana Kaimin

A MontPIRG survey is underway to find just how environmentally "green" UM is.

The survey, called the "campus environmental audit," is targeting university resource consumption to assess UM's impact on the environment.

"This is one of the best ways in making a real difference in our effect on the environment," said Nathan Queener, a MontPIRG board member involved with the project. "Resource

use is at the root of all environmental problems."

The audit will run for the next month and is covering campus utility use — especially energy — since electricity consumption is responsible for a long list of environmental ills, according to a MontPIRG press release.

The report will also assess university use of recycling, toxins, pesticides, paper and water.

Findings from the report will be released the middle of April before

Earth Day (April 30) and hopefully will spur improvements to reduce the university's "environmental footprint."

Megan Jennings of MontPIRG, said they will try to find out numbers for resource use, but will move to a more hands-on approach if necessary.

"If we need to go around and count all the light bulbs on campus, we will," Jennings said.

Jennings said MontPIRG wanted to do this project because it has a significant local impact.

Kit Douglass, one of eight

involved in the audit, said that the project has never been done before at UM, and will pose a challenge.

"It's a far-reaching project," she said. "Right now we are just hitting the top of the iceberg."

Douglass said someone attempted to take on the task single-handedly before, but was too overwhelmed to complete it.

MontPIRG is looking for volunteers to help with the environmental audit. Those interested should contact the MontPIRG office at 243-2929.

Nearly frozen baby OK after hours in snow

TORONTO (AP) — Calling her recovery miraculous, doctors said Monday a 13-month-old girl who spent hours lying face down in the snow on a bitter winter night and whose body temperature plunged to about 60 degrees was now alert and making eye contact.

The baby, who has not been identified, was acting like any other one-year-old, said Dr. Allan De Caen, a pediatrician at the Stollery Children's Health Center in Edmonton, Alberta, where the child is recovering.

It seemed like "a greater being" was "on the little girl's side," he told a news conference. "It's somewhat humbling."

Frostbite is still a risk and in the next few weeks plastic surgeons will have to determine if some of the baby's toes and fingers will need to be amputated, De Caen said.

The toddler, clad only in a diaper, wandered from the home where she had been sleeping Friday night with her mother and two-year-old sister, and was found outside at 3 a.m. Saturday.

The child's 26-year-old mother, whose name was not released, found the girl lying face-down in the snow with her hands curled underneath her body.

The child's toes were frozen

together and paramedics who responded to the mother's frantic call had trouble getting a breathing tube into the child's throat because her mouth was frozen shut.

The girl's heart had stopped beating for about two hours and her body temperature had dropped to 60.8 degrees. It was not known how long the child was exposed to subzero temperatures.

Steve Buick, a spokesman for Stollery Children's Health Center, said in a television interview that the toddler's ordeal had become "a miracle story."

Photographs of the red-cheeked baby were splashed across the front page of newspapers, showing her hands bandaged as she slept in a crib with a couple of toys, including a stuffed rabbit. A pin attached to the bunny read: "Erica."

The fact that the girl was breathing without the help of a respirator was a good sign, said Peter Cox, a doctor at Toronto's Sick Children's Hospital, reducing the possibility of brain damage.

But there was still the risk of infection, he said, and it was too early to assess what her final neurological outcome would be. The damage to the brain could be cognitive and intellectual.

Speeding UCSB student kills 4 pedestrians

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — Four people, including two University of California at Santa Barbara students, were killed by a speeding motorist in Isla Vista Friday night.

David Attias, a UCSB student, struck five pedestrians just a few blocks from the UCSB campus as they were walking to the downtown district at 11 p.m. He is scheduled to be arraigned in Santa Barbara Superior Court Tuesday.

Nicholas Bourdakos and Christopher Divis, both 20 year-old UCSB students, died before paramedics arrived. Elie Israel, 27, a San Francisco resident and Ruth Levy, 20, a Santa Barbara City College student, were also killed instantly.

The fifth victim, Albert Levy, brother of Ruth Levy, is in critical condition at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. He is expected to survive.

Santa Barbara Sheriff officials said Attias was driving well above the 25 mile speed limit when he began "sideswiping cars along the right curb." He struck the five pedestrians who were walking along the parked cars, before coming to stop down the street.

"All five victims were thrown forward, some being knocked out of their shoes and socks," a police statement said.

California Highway Patrol officers, who were first on the scene, have estimated the car was traveling between 50 and 65 miles per hour through the residential area.

Lt. Michael Burridge said Attias refused a field sobriety test at the scene. Burridge said police are awaiting the results of a blood test, which could take four to seven days to process.

Santa Barbara County Fire Capt. Charlie Johnson responded to the scene, which he described as "a war zone."

"There was a trail of broken car parts and bodies lying in the

streets," Johnson said. "There were dozens and dozens of kids in the street in shock. They were crying and screaming. It was a disaster scene you just wouldn't expect to see."

He said the accident was heard several blocks away, adding that a crowd of more than 100 people quickly gathered at the accident scene.

Several witnesses detained Attias, who attempted to flee the scene, until police arrived, Johnson said.

While Johnson refused to speculate whether the incident was intentional or accidental, he said there was "no evidence of skid marks at all." He also said witnesses reported that Attias yelled, "I am the Angel of Death," when he exited his car.

He said it is typical for many pedestrians to be in the streets at night on weekends. In some parts of Isla Vista, there are no sidewalks, he added.

Mel Fabi, a member of the associated students at UCSB, said student organizers are planning a week-long remembrance for the students who died, culminating in a candlelight vigil Thursday night.

"It really hurts because UC Santa Barbara is a really small campus," he said.

Chancellor Henry Yang acknowledged that many students are "stunned and saddened by the loss." He said the flag at Cheadle Hall would fly at half staff in memory of the two students who died.



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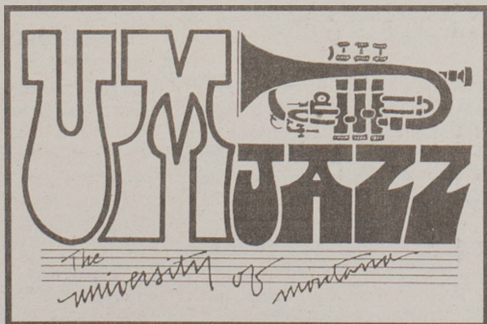
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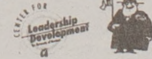
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One-year-old Levi Roeser pulls a stick out of a pinata in hopes of unleashing the treats inside during Ayyam'i'Ha gathering. The Sunday celebration began with a prayer and continued with food, gifts and the pinata for the kids.

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Local Baha'i community prepares for 19-day fast

Spring solstice brings fasting, celebration and reflection for Baha'i followers

Kay Woods
For the Kaimin

UM students and other members of a local Baha'i community celebrated their annual gift-giving season, Ayyam'i'Ha, Sunday in preparation for their 19-day fast.

Ayyam'i'Ha is a time of spiritual rejuvenation, discipline and detachment from carnal desires, said Tom Maley, member of Missoula's Baha'i Council.

In a home bedecked in the spirit of giving, eager children delighted in pulling pegs out of an alternative pinata that hung over their heads, promising an eventual burst of treats. A little reminiscent of Christmas, but without a lighted tree or anything resembling Santa Claus, 25-30 Missoulians in the Baha'i community under the Provisions of the Covenant exchanged gifts, feast and fellowship in preparation for almost three weeks of rigorous fasting.

Ayyam'i'Ha, or "Days of Ha," consists of four days from Feb. 26 to March 1. Besides exchanging gifts, the time is typically devoted to hospitality, charity and

preparing for the Baha'i 19-day fast, Maley said.

The forerunner of the Baha'i faith, the Bab (Aramaic for "gate" or "door"), introduced the Baha'i calendar which began on March 21, 1844, Maley said, and is based on the solar calendar of 365 days. The Baha'i year, he added, consists of 19 months of 19 days, totaling 361 days. The additional four to five days constitute "intercalary days," the period of time in which Ayyam'i'Ha is observed.

What follows, Maley said, is the Baha'i 19-day fast, from March 2 through March 20, which marks a time of meditation, prayer and spiritual recuperation through absti-

nence from food and drink from sunup to sundown.

The fast, Maley added, is a time to prepare for the coming of the new Baha'i year, "Naw Ruz," starting with the spring equinox on March 21.

For UM graduate student Bethany O'Connell, the fast is a time of reflection and discipline.

"It's given me a realization of how important it is for humanity to fast," O'Connell said.

UM freshman Debby Florence agrees.

"For me it's a nice reminder we don't need to eat as much as we want to," she said. "There's a lot of people who only eat one meal a day."

The Baha'i faith, founded

by Baha'u'llah (Aramaic for "glory of the father") in Persia in 1863, is a faith numbering about five million worldwide. The Baha'i culture believes in one infinite, invisible God, and that Baha'u'llah is the most recent in a series of divine educators who have progressively revealed God's teachings to mankind; that Baha'u'llah fulfills old and new testament prophecies for the second coming of Christ.

"Being a Baha'i has given me a broader knowledge of all the world's religions and all the cultures, and how many of them have a fast at some point in the year," said O'Connell, adding that "all true religions are one."

Car crises, pack pilfering, MIP mishaps

Tracy Whitehair
Montana Kaimin

Tuesday, February 20, 3:54 p.m. Possible drug use was reported in Jesse Hall, according to Public Safety reports. Lt. Jim Lemcke, assistant director of Public Safety, said seven students were warned.

Tuesday, February 20, 4:57 p.m. Police said a red Free Spirit bike was removed from the disability railing near the Liberal Arts building and impounded.

Wednesday, February 21, 2:17 p.m. Police said a female student had fallen on the ice Tuesday near the Gallagher Building and broke her ankle. Police took the report and notified maintenance to watch the area.

Wednesday, February 21, 3:12 p.m. A vehicle tail light was damaged in a hit-and-run accident in the parking garage, police said. Lemcke said police are reviewing videotape of the incident.

Thursday, February 22, 4:08 p.m. Police said a backpack was stolen from the UC market. The pack

was hung on a hook in an employee-area hallway, Lemcke said. A checkbook from the backpack was found in West Riverside, between East Missoula and Bonner, Lemcke said. "It looks like it was thrown out a (car) window," Lemcke said.

Thursday, February 22, 1:28 p.m. Police said a vehicle hit a Volkswagen and pushed it into a snow bank near Pantzer Hall. Lemcke said the driver who hit the VW "did the right thing" and left a note on the windshield, so the accident was technically not a hit-and-run.

Thursday, February 22, 10:00 p.m. Police said drug use was reported in Jesse Hall. Police did not find drugs, but did cite three students for Minor in Possession of alcohol and referred them to student conduct, Lemcke said.

Friday, February 23, 2:40 a.m. Police said an odor was detected and possible drug use was reported in Jesse Hall. According to Public Safety records, the officer was denied access to the room.

Friday, February 23, 2:38 a.m. Police said a male

was reported yelling and kicking his vehicle outside of Knowles Hall in the quick stop parking spaces. The individual denied making noise, police said.

Friday, February 23, 4:07 a.m. Lemcke said an officer was on a call near Jesse Hall and returned to her car to find muddy footprints on it and the antenna bent. "Someone walked across the car," Lemcke said.

Friday, February 23, 7:14 a.m. Police said they removed a male who was passed out in the hallway of Knowles Hall. Lemcke said the man claimed to be visiting someone in the dorm.

Saturday, February 24, 2:33 p.m. Police said they responded to reports of someone shooting off bottle rockets near Parking Lot K. Police checked the area but found nothing.

Saturday, February 24, 2:13 p.m. Police said a bike was reported stolen from University Villages.

Saturday, February 24, 12:10 a.m. Police said a car was found on the lawn in University Villages. The owner said somebody moved the car and it got stuck in the snow, Lemcke said.

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Learning the language of music by ear

Trisha Miller
Montana Kaimin

Most musicians are in the communication business, which requires learning how to play by ear, professional flutist Chris Norman told about 40 students and faculty from the music department Monday afternoon at UM's Music Recital Hall.

The workshop, "Playing by Heart: A Hands-On Exploration and Discussion of Learning and Playing Music By Ear" asked for audience participation during a call and response. He played sections of "The Clog Parazeau," and flutes, vocals and strings in the audience would answer back, as they were learning by ear.

"The thing that occurs to me when playing by ear, is it raises a lot of questions. Why are we here playing music? For me what enriches it is the whole idea of communication," Norman, who has five solo releases that he played on his wooden flute, said.

"What are you trying to communicate? For me it's to share whatever it is I have to give," said the founder of the Boxwood Festival and Workshop, a program dedicated to the oral traditions of the flute.

Norman, who began his musical studies at the age of 10, is a member of the Baltimore Consort, international folk trio Helicon and Celtic group Skyedance. Along with classical and 20th century music, he plays Canadian, Scottish and Irish traditional music as well.

Norman's and his wooden flute were also featured on the 1997 Oscar winning movie soundtrack of "Titanic" as well as the 1998 film "Soldier."

Norman instructed on Monday at UM as part of the President's Lecture Series and later performed at 8 p.m. with the Chris Norman Ensemble, "Crossover: The Interaction Between the Folk Tradition and Classical Music from the

Renaissance to the 21st Century."

"There are two types of musicians, two types of artists and two types of people. One is a person who says, 'look at me, look at me,' and the second says, 'look at this, what is this?'" Norman said pointing at his flute. "As an artist, you need to be the latter."

Beth Morgan, a sophomore flute major, said she knew little of Norman until Monday.

"I wanted to come see, because I am interested," Morgan said.

There are 14 flute majors at UM, and each year one or two professionals visit and perform on campus.

"They will gain much, especially listening skills, so that they are not just reading notes on a page," Margaret Schuberg, a flute professor, said. "Learning by ear is really important, something that we are always working on."

To help the audience learn the short piece in F sharp minor and A major by ear, he used a bagpipe instead of his flute to ensure that the audience would not just copy his fingers.

"I know there are a lot of flute players out there. They cheat by looking at fingers so I am taking that away from you," he said gaining a laugh from the audience.

"The experience of learning a concerto by ear was fantastic. I wouldn't have had it any other way," he said, remembering a time he performed Baltimore Consort. "On stage with an orchestra I was fearless."

"Music is just another language. The way music is taught is analogous to the way a parent holds up the New York Times to an infant. They are expected to understand the ink splashes on the paper," Norman said. "After you are immersed in it you begin to understand."



George C. Rogers/Montana Kaimin

Established flutist Chris Norman leads a workshop on playing music by ear at the University of Montana's Music Recital Hall on Monday.

U. Chicago claims indemnity in radiation poisoning suit

(U-WIRE) CHICAGO — University of Chicago administrators announced this week that the terms in a contract made between the University of Chicago and the U.S. government by which it took control of the operations of a federally owned nuclear laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tenn., absolve the U of C from damages resulting from the laboratory's operation.

This provision in the World War II-era contract, administrators say, undercuts a lawsuit Oak Ridge residents have filed against the University of Chicago and more than a dozen major corporations.

Residents claim in the lawsuit that the U of C is partially responsible for radiation poisoning they alleged to have suffered from since the 1940s.

"The contract promises to indemnify and to hold harmless the University," said Larry Arbeiter, director of communications of the University of Chicago. According to Arbeiter, the terms of the contract may make it difficult for plaintiffs to prove that the University, which has not man-

aged the facility since the mid-1940s, when the contract expired, is responsible for their health problems.

The University is taking steps to create a legal defense team.

"We have identified an outside counsel and expect to have made that relationship formal within the week," Arbeiter said.

The Oak Ridge National Laboratory, which the University of Chicago managed, is one of three separate nuclear research facilities in the town of Oak Ridge. Workers at each of these laboratories originally filed claims against the government under the Federal Tort Claims Act in the early nineties. But the Supreme Court of Tennessee, citing certain provisions in tort law, ruled that the government was not liable for these claims.

In a second effort, made between 1994 and 1997, nearly 100 workers at the plants filed eight cases against the manufacturers of Beryllium, a substance they handled on the job that experts say leads to cancer. These lawsuits,

filed against roughly 20 manufacturers, are still pending because, with roughly 60 years past, it is unclear as to who manufactured the chemical element.

To rectify the situation, the government amended the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. This act provides recompense for injured workers. Bill Richardson, Energy Secretary, explained that workers who qualified would receive compensation for lost wages, or monetary support in a lump sum of \$150,000.

Now, former employees of the three Oak Ridge laboratories are again seeking compensation through legal action.

"Everybody who worked there has got a case," said Tom Slagle, who serves as law clerk to Justice James H. Jarvis, the judge who will rule over the pending cases brought against the University of Chicago.

Many people in Oak Ridge believe that \$150,000 will not cover their damages. "They're trying to get to contractors because all other venues have failed," Slagle said.



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Cummings' and Cooper's last home games filled with wins, tears

Lady Griz defeat Northridge and Northern Arizona to move up in Big Sky standings with a week left to play

Bryan Haines
Montana Kaimin

Tears of joy and sadness were shed. Hugs and high fives were exchanged between teammates and coaches, while a crowd of 4,455 gave standing ovations as they saw a five-year love affair come to an end.

For the last time Saturday night, seniors Lauren Cooper and Linda Cummings laced up their high tops at Dahlberg Arena.

Fittingly, the duo went out in style, the same way they had finished 101 previous games in their five years here at Missoula. They went out on top; they went out winners.

"This was a great weekend for not only Cooper and Cummings, but also our team," head coach Robin Selvig said. "The crowd was awesome and we continued to play better as a team in getting two more wins."

In an emotional ending to the home careers of Cooper and Cummings, the Lady Griz made sure their last memories of Dahlberg Arena were ones to be cherished, as they beat Cal State Northridge 74-55 Friday night and defeated Northern Arizona 73-47 Saturday.

"This has been in the back of our minds all week long," Cooper said. "The fans were great. It was a wonderful way to go out."

Cummings echoed her emotions.

"This was our last pre-game, last shoot around ... I tried to forget about it and go out and play. It really has not sunk in yet," Cummings said.

Lost in all the emotion was the importance of this weekend's games.

Battling for position in the conference standings, the final homestand was a must-win for Montana. Before tip-off Friday, it didn't look as though the two wins would come easily, if at all.

Northern Arizona and Cal State Northridge defeated Montana a month ago during UM's worst weekend of the year. UM was out-shot, out-rebounded and out-played by both the Jacks and Matadors, and the Lady Griz were looking to avenge their performances.

Early Friday night, Northridge was bent on spoiling what was supposed to be Cummings' and Cooper's weekend. Despite missing their leading scorer and senior leader Kristi Rose, the Matadors blitzed to an early 7-0 lead.

Rose didn't make the road trip because of a death in her family, but it didn't slow down the Matadors.

After a layup by Northridge's Kim Bidrussian cut Montana's lead to 20-18 in the first, the Matadors went on a California blackout offensively. Northridge went 10 straight possessions without scoring and Montana ran the score up to 36-20 and blew open what was once a close game.

Northridge would get as close as eight, 45-37, in the second half before Montana went on a 11-2 run to push the margin back up to 17.

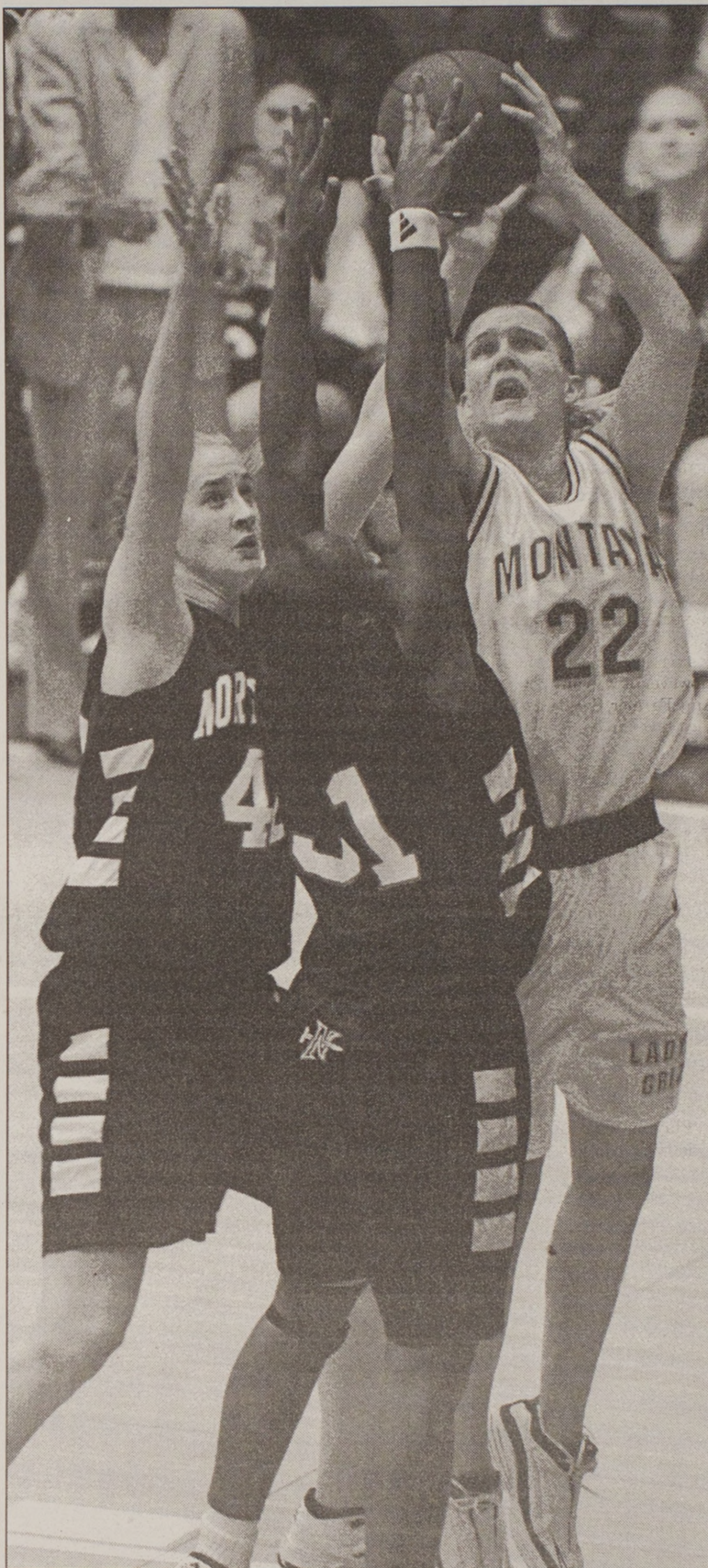
Junior center Laura Valley took advantage of Rose's absence, as she recorded her second double-double of the year, scoring 13 points and grabbing 10 boards. Keller followed with 14 points and three steals, while Cummings had 12 points.

Saturday night started with introductions of Cummings and Cooper. The two seniors, with tears streaming down their faces, each took roses to their parents who were in the crowd.

Once the game got underway, there was no way Cummings was going to let this night be tarnished. Number 22 from Malta, Mont. came out firing, scoring UM's first eight points.

The two teams would battle throughout most of the first half, with neither holding more than a five-point edge, until freshman point guard Brooklyn Lorenzen hit a three ball from straight away and followed that with a drive and finish in traffic. Those two buckets would give Montana a 23-15 lead, and the Lady Griz would go to the locker room up 33-22.

UM came out and quickly put to rest any ideas the Jacks had of sweeping Montana for the first time in its history. A 13-3 run pushed the lead to 46-26, and from there the crowd was left to sit back



Mike Cohea/Montana Kaimin
Linda Cummings goes for two of her 12 points in last Friday's game against Cal St. Northridge. Saturday was Cummings' final home game at Dahlberg Arena.

and enjoy the final game of two of UM's greatest stars.

The end came at 1:19 left in the game. As Selvig subbed out Cummings, and then Cooper for the last time at home, the crowded roared in appreciation for five years of wonderful basketball.

The two have led Montana to a 101-42 overall record after Saturday's game, three Big Sky titles, three conference titles and three trips to the NCAA tournament. They were named to the Big Sky All-conference team three times.

The two wins this weekend were a fitting close to this chapter, but there is still a lot left to be written before this book is done. UM ends regular season play this Thursday at Sacramento State, and then will travel to Pocatello, Idaho, for the Big Sky Tournament, where some unfinished business lies.

"This was a great weekend, and we are playing some really good basketball right now," Cummings said. "But there are still two, and hopefully at least three weeks left in the season."



Mike Cohea/Montana Kaimin
Lauren Cooper looks for a passing lane in last Friday's win over Cal St. Northridge. Cooper had six points and four assists while playing 31 minutes in the 74-55 win at the Adams Center. Cooper ended her career at home Saturday night.

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Heather Anderson joins Sabrina Monroe at top of Big Sky

Jesse Zentz
Montana Kaimin

The season still isn't over for a few Grizzly track and field athletes, but last weekend's conference championships marked the end of the indoor season for most of the team.

Despite an overall sluggish performance by the team, inspired individual performances by a few Grizzly athletes captivated the crowd at Montana State's Brick Breiden Field House.

Junior Sabrina Monroe and senior Heather Anderson highlighted the weekend for the Grizzlies. The two distance runners scored incredible 40 1/2 points of the total 79 1/2 scored by the fifth place women's team.

Anderson started the assault Friday night by winning the women's 5,000 in dominating fashion. She grabbed the lead at the start and never faltered. In the end, Anderson nearly lapped the entire field and won by an incredible 37 seconds, setting a track record.

Monro then stepped in to anchor the women's distance medley relay team, which won by eight seconds over Weber State and set a school record of 11:51:11. However, it was an entire team effort, as Amy Farmer, Sarah Barkley and Kelly Rice gave the baton to Monro only a cou-

ple seconds off the lead.

Saturday, Monro returned to run the mile. She didn't disappoint Grizzly fans, winning by nearly three seconds. She was only challenged late in the race, when the second place finisher, Susie Rutherford of Northern Arizona, moved within five meters of Monro. But Monro easily out-sprinted her to the finish.

Next up for Monro and Anderson was the women's 3,000. The duo moved to the front right from the gun with Monro leading. She led for about 13 laps, until Anderson surged to the front and opened up a gap on her teammate with about 500 meters to go. At the bell lap, Monro started her kick and crossed the line a hair in front of Anderson for the win. Monro crossed the line in 9:46:20 and Anderson finished in 9:46:27. Both times were provisional NCAA qualifying marks.

"I did everything I was supposed to," Monro said. "I guess it feels pretty good."

Monro and Anderson are both eyeing the NCAA championships in two weeks. Monro is expected to run the 3,000, despite also qualifying in the mile. Monro's qualifying mark in the 3,000 from earlier this season is an automatic qualifier. Anderson provisionally qualified in both the 5,000 and 3,000. She must wait and see whether her time will

be good enough. Last chance qualifying meets will dominate the schedule this weekend around the country.

"I'm going to keep training and catch up on some homework," Monro said of her plans this week. "God, it feels good to have a week off and rest a bit."

Monro said she is shooting for a top-eight finish at nationals.

"If I'm not totally dead by then, then that's what I'm shooting for," she said.

Impressive performances from other Grizzly women guaranteed a fifth place team finish. Junior Renee Dunn finished third in both the long jump and triple jump for a total of 12 points. Amy Farmer finished fifth in the mile to earn four points. Senior Jamie Slyder finished fourth in the shot put for five points. Freshman Anne Sheehy garnered seventh place finishes in the triple jump and high jump for a total of three and a half points. Sophomore Andrea Huntley finished seventh in the 400 for two points. Junior Suzanne Krings finished fourth in the high jump for five points, well below her expected total after not clearing a height in the pole vault.

On the men's side, the results weren't as rosy. The team finished in seventh place, where it was voted to finish in the preseason. The men had only seven finishers in scoring position — eighth place

or better. They didn't score a single point in the sprints, aside from the two points earned from the 1,600-meter relay team, which finished seventh.

Senior distance runners Kyle Wies and Brad Treat brought home good results, along with freshman high jumper Dan Casey and junior pole vaulter Adam Bork.

Wies had the top performance for the men's team, with a second place finish in the 800-meter run. He ran a personal best 1:50:65. But that time didn't satisfy Wies, as he is intent on qualifying for the NCAA championships. He is expected to compete in a last chance qualifier this weekend.

Bork vaulted a season best 16 feet, 3 1/2 inches to finish fourth in the pole vault, while Casey cleared a season best 6-9 3/4 in the high jump for third place. High jump winner Charles Clinger of Weber State jumped 7-7 for the best mark in the nation.

Treat finished third in the 5,000 and sixth in the 3,000.

The Weber State men's team won the conference championship, while Cal State Northridge and Northern Arizona rounded out the top-three. Montana State won the women's championship, followed by Weber State and Northern Arizona.

Lady Griz tennis sweeps Northwest; men fall 5-2

Ian Costello
Montana Kaimin

The UM women's tennis team sent a message to the Big Sky and its opponents by sweeping a weekend road trip, while the men's team dropped a 5-2 decision to defending Big Sky champions, Montana State.

Playing what head coach Kris Nord called "some of the best tennis we have played in a few years," the Montana women produced a three-team sweep through the Northwest this past weekend, beating Portland State and Eastern Washington 7-0 and stepping up to take the Zag out of Gonzaga, 6-1.

"I thought we would beat Portland State and Eastern Washington," Nord said. "The match against Gonzaga was a knock-down, drag-out fight. We played really well, the best we have in a few years."

If the match against the Zags was a knock-down, drag-out fight, it certainly didn't show in the 6-1 final score. However, almost every match went right down to the wire. Although UM swept the singles matches, Jessica Redding, Molly Sanders, Kylie Wagner and Kate Kehlschreiber all were tested for three full sets before coming away with a win.

Gonzaga's only point against the Grizzlies came in the doubles matches.

"We needed to go out against Gonzaga, gain some confidence and get some court time, and we did that," Nord said.

Next up for the Lady Griz is another weekend road trip through the Rocky Mountains as they travel to take on

Boise State on Friday, conference foe Weber State on Saturday and Air Force Academy on Sunday.

"We can't worry about anybody but UM right now," Nord said. "It is really important (with these recent wins) not to get caught looking ahead. If we keep improving we've got the kids to contend."

On the other hand, things weren't quite as rosy for the Montana men's team when a 5-2 decision to Montana State on Saturday afternoon.

In their first action of the season, Montana fell behind early as the top four MSU players quickly set the tone by winning each match easily.

"We were a little lacking in our early match play, and we got off to some slow starts," assistant coach Brian Hanford said. "They (MSU) were in their ninth match of the season and we were in our first. And it showed."

Montana only won 13 sets in the first four matches and didn't grab a match win until the fifth singles' match.

"Montana State's top four are as good as any in the conference," Hanford said. "We needed a top four win to beat them and they blew us off the court."

Montana's only two points on the day came from singles wins by Jonah Sanford and Ryan O'Neill.

This weekend the Griz are off to Colorado Springs to play in the Air Force Invitational where they will play matches against Gustavus Adolphus, Centenary and Air Force.

'Stair masters'



Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin

Freshman Luke Foley (left) and Katie Jacobson (right) run stairs in Dahlberg Arena Monday afternoon. Jacobson is training for golf while Foley accompanies her for the exercise.

Loss to NAU eliminates Griz from postseason picture

Ryan Divish
Montana Kaimin

For the second time in 24 years the University of Montana men's basketball team will not be playing in the Big Sky Conference postseason tournament.

The Grizzlies were mathematically eliminated Saturday with a 77-66 loss to Northern Arizona in Flagstaff.

The Griz needed to knock off the Lumberjacks and then hope NAU would also lose its remaining two games if they wanted to continue their season past next Thursday's home game against Sacramento State.

But the NAU victory secured a spot in the Big Sky Tournament for NAU — which won it and a chance to play in the NCAA tournament last year in Missoula.

"They had a lot to play for," said head coach Don Holst. "They needed a win to clinch their tournament spot or else they would have had to win on the road next week instead, and I don't know if they could have done that."

The Griz trailed by as many as 14 points in the first half, but scrapped their way back to tie the game and even take a six-point lead at one point in the second half.

Trammel led the Grizzlies with 19 points while senior Jared Buckmaster chipped in with 14 points.

Holst said Saturday's loss was an example of not being able to win close games, something that has plagued the Griz all year.

"We've had a frustrating year, and we've lost some games we easily could have won," Holst said.

UM was in position to win almost all of its conference games this season but came up just short in several. The Griz suffered two overtime losses at home this season: a road loss at Portland State where they led almost the entire game and a three-point loss to Montana State on the road.

Despite their tournament hopes being dashed, Holst said his players are still very intent on finishing the season with a win.

"We talked about it after the game, where they are and where they needed to be," Holst said. "We're dedicating this week to the seniors. We need to have a positive week of practice. We need to be excited to play this Thursday and finish the season on a positive note."

UM will play its final game of the season on Thursday against Sacramento State in Missoula. It will be senior night, honoring the Griz's four seniors: Jared Buckmaster, Kyle Keyes, Zoran Milosavljevic and Kasey Williams.

Idaho drops 'squaw' ban proposal

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — State lawmakers on Monday rejected a proposal to change the names of Idaho locations that include the word "squaw," a term many American Indians consider derogatory.

The House State Affairs Committee voted 10-9 to kill the resolution, which Idaho tribes had promoted. It had passed the state Senate with only one dissenting vote.

Montana, Maine, Oklahoma and Minnesota already have made moves to remove the word. Coeur d'Alene Tribal chairman Ernie Stensgar said he was surprised Idaho did not follow their example.

"The Indian tribes are going to look at the state of Idaho really hard and wonder where our leadership is headed in terms of diversity," he said.

Indian leaders say the word is a vulgar, racial or sexual

insult that translates roughly into the word "whore" in Maine's Passamaquoddy Tribe. In Iroquois, it is derived from a word for female genitalia.

The word appears on more than 1,000 geographic features nationwide, primarily in the West and Midwest, including 93 in Idaho, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The Idaho resolution would have created a committee of state and Indian leaders to propose new names for the landmarks. The U.S. Board of Geographic Names would have had to approve the changes.

Supporters said passage the resolution would show Idaho's opposition to bigotry. The state spends \$100,000 a year trying to counter perceptions that it tolerates racism, primarily because the white supremacist

group Aryan Nations is based there.

"Here's a chance to undo some of that perception. Instead we reinforced it," Republican Sen. Moon Wheeler said. "It was worth a million dollars of good publicity if we would have done that. As it is, it's a disaster."

Some opponents said residents could have been left out of the renaming process and that changing the names could be expensive. GOP Rep. Twila Hornbeck said changing the names would also threaten Idaho's heritage.

"Our history books are being rewritten to be politically correct. Our dictionaries are being rewritten to be politically correct, and I find this offensive," Hornbeck said. "I really find it offensive for people to come and tell me what my language means."

Court: Indian trust funds mismanaged by government

Tracy Whitehair
Montana Kaimin

A federal appeals court ruled on Friday that the U.S. government has mismanaged American Indian trust funds for more than a century, clearing the way for Indians to seek up to \$10 billion they estimate is owed to them.

Upholding a lower court ruling, a three-judge appellate panel charged that record-keeping has been so poor that government officials can't say for sure how many Indians have trust fund accounts or how much money is in them.

According to the Washington Post, officials are "unable to execute the most fundamental of trust duties — an accurate accounting," the panel stated.

Elouise Cobell, lead plaintiff in the case and a member of the Blackfeet tribe, said Monday that the ruling is "dynamite."

"We are ecstatic," Cobell said. "This is a monumental decision for all of Indian country."

"The appellate court has delivered. We're just waiting to hear from the department of justice regarding the next step."

The ruling was the latest development in a class action lawsuit filed nearly five years ago by the Native American Rights Fund over the trust accounts, which were set up in 1887 to compensate Indians for use of their lands. According to the Washington Post, royalties from the sale of oil, timber and other natural resources are channeled into Individual Indian Money Trusts, which are passed down through generations.

Cobell said the government has admitted that trust fund documents have been destroyed

or are missing, and therefore can't even provide an accurate accounting of the money owed. Cobell said the burden of proof is on the government to come up with a dollar amount, but if they don't come up with a figure, which will be hard to do with missing records, the government will have to accept the Indians' accountants' figures.

"I think the only option left to do is for the government to get out their checkbook," Cobell said. "I would get the impression that they certainly should look at the option of settling."

"We're preparing for trial number two, the accounting for what is owed, and we're ready to go. In my opinion, they'd be out of their minds to appeal."

Government lawyers had hoped to overturn a December 1999 decision issued by U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth, which stated that the Indians were entitled to a full, "historical accounting" of money over the decades. Complaining about missing records and the destruction of other trust documents, Lamberth ordered the government to overhaul the trust fund system and put it under judicial review for five years, according to the Washington Post.

Lamberth said he would review results of the accounting at a trial to determine how much money is owed for decades of lapses.

"This case is much more than the money," Cobell said. "Why is it that (the government) thinks it can treat a group of people so differently? People have said this over and over — where does the U.S. government think they can get off mismanaging people's money?"

"This is one of the best victories in Indian Country since Little Bighorn," she said.

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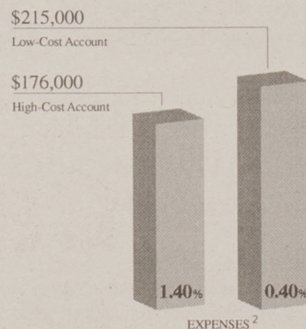
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Mars meteorite may show old life

WASHINGTON (AP) — A controversial finding that a meteorite from Mars might contain evidence of life has been boosted by the discovery of a magnetic crystal that researchers say could have been made only by a microbe.

In a study appearing Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers at the Johnson Space Center in Houston say a crystallized magnetic mineral called magnetite, found in a Martian meteorite, is similar to crystals formed on Earth by bacteria.

"I am convinced that this is supporting evidence for the presence of ancient life on Mars," said Kathie Thomas-Keptra, an astrobiologist at the space center and the first author of the study.

Thomas-Keptra said there is no report of such magnetites being formed by any but biologic means.

The magnetite crystal was found in a Mars meteorite called Allen Hills 84001, or ALH84001. Researchers at the Johnson Space Center in 1996 announced that the space rock contained microscopic evidence of life, but their claim has been dismissed by most other researchers.

Thomas-Keptra said the new study strongly supports the original claim and may even suggest that there is still microscopic life on Mars.

E. Imre Friedmann, a biologist at NASA's Ames

Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif., said an electron microscope examination of ALH84001 had found evidence of magnetite crystals formed in chains.

Friedmann said that on Earth the bacteria that make magnetite forms the material in chains and that these chains are surrounded by a membrane. Under the electron microscope, fossilized images of both the chains and the membrane can be seen, he said.

"We see chains that could have been formed only biologically," said Friedmann. "There is no way you could come up with a non-biological explanation."

On Earth, some bacteria that live on the bottom of lakes produce magnetite as a navigation aide. The magnetic crystals act as a sort of compass to allow the bacteria to orient themselves as they move along the lake bottom.

Friedmann said the bacteria require an environment that is low in oxygen. The built-in compass "helps them navigate in the proper oxygen levels," he said.

Thomas-Keptra said the magnetite is "a bacteria fossil, sort of like dinosaur bones."

She said magnetite could not come from Earth organisms because it was encased inside the meteorite in a carbonate mineral that has been age-dated at 3.9 billion years old.

Because of this age, said Thomas-Keptra, "this is evidence of the oldest life form ever found."



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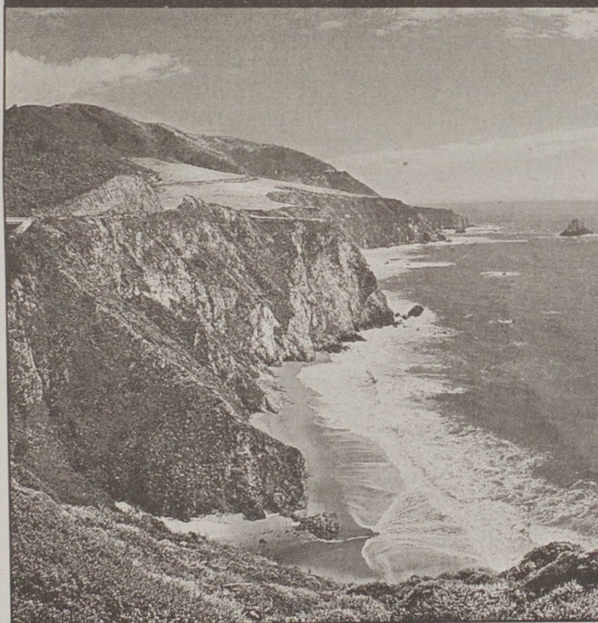
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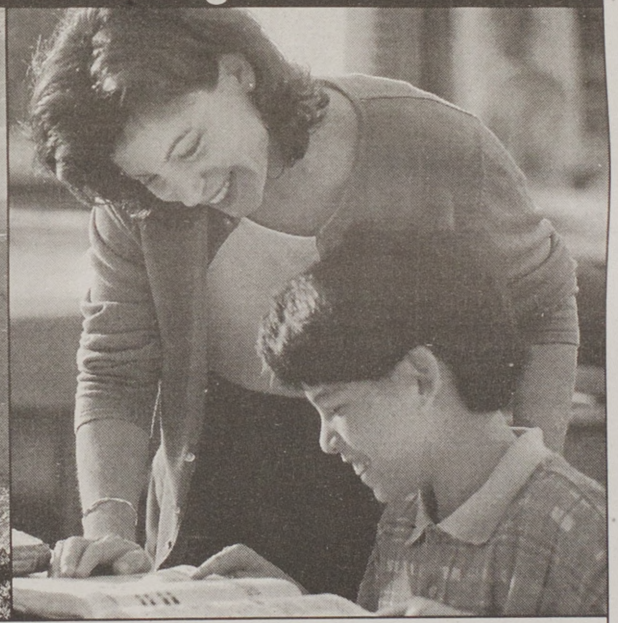


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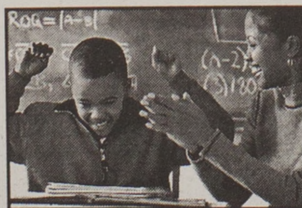


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UM technology re-creates Lewis and Clark expedition

Jim Schroeder
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UM's associate dean of continuing education, John Kuglin, is getting his name known nationally for his work involving the recent satellite mapping of the famous Lewis and Clark expedition.

Kuglin, also the executive director for NASA's and UM's Earth Observing System Education Project (EOS) has given 20 keynote and special addresses about the Lewis and Clark expedition around the United States since the 2000-2001 school year started and has nearly 12 more addresses before the school year commences.

Kuglin has been giving addresses about the Lewis and Clark Teacher Education Center, a UM-based program that opened last spring as a way to help educators develop a better understanding of the famous Lewis and Clark expedition. The expedition will celebrate its bicentennial beginning in 2003.

The EOS project develops and provides education programs for students

ranging from K-12 and college classes along with outreach programs that combine teacher-in-service and pre-service workshops in science and emerging technologies.

The center's research is posted on its Web site located at www.lewisandclarkeducationcenter.com and has reader adjustable satellite mapping of the Lewis and Clark expedition's trek across the United States and various Lewis and Clark journal entries that readers can engage in actively.

The Education Center explores landscape changes and also develops a variety of tools that assist educators in determining ecological and social interactions that are inherent to land changes along the Lewis and Clark expedition's route.

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— John Kuglin
UM's associate dean of continuing education

backed rocket science program that had been planned by UM Forestry Professor Steve Running for more than 15 years.

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rently in the leading role in aggregating and disseminating Lewis and Clark's information."

The center uses technology that includes downloaded images from the Terra satellite that was launched on March 1, 1998 on a three-year, \$10.5 million appropriation through NASA.

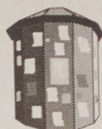
The school of education splits the appropriation of nearly \$3 million with the school of forestry, each year.

"The research isn't funded with state dollars from Helena, but is funded from outside entities that help the university grow and to help provide additional learning opportunities for UM students," Kuglin said.

The center program is also attracting Lewis and Clark scholars from the University of Nebraska including Dr. Gary Moulton, who is one of the leading scholars on the Lewis and Clark expedition in the United States, Kuglin said.

Moulton will be conducting lectures on the Lewis and Clark expedition at UM starting next fall, but Kuglin said that the scope of Dr. Moulton's lectures have yet to be worked out.

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